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February 22, 2008

*So ordered  
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Alvin K. Hellerstein*

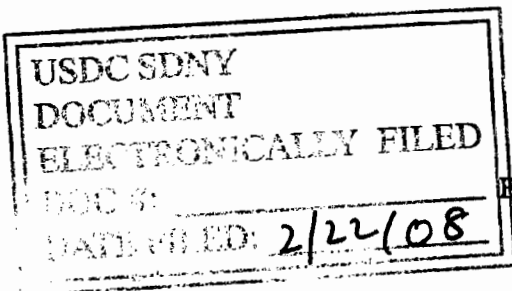
Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein (By FAX)  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Diego Leon Sanchez-Lopez and Jorge Eliecer Lopez-Martinez  
08 Cr. 135 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The Government respectfully respectfully requests that the pre-trial conference in the above-captioned case, currently scheduled for today, February 22, 2008, at 10:45 a.m., be rescheduled to Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. I have spoken with Mr. Patrick Joyce, attorney for defendant Diego Leon Sanchez-Lopez, and he is unable to appear due to the inclement weather. On Your Honor's referral, defendant Jorge Eliecer Lopez Martinez was arraigned by Magistrate Judge Maas on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. I have been advised that, due to the unavailability of defense counsel for today arraignment and pre-trial conference, the arraignment of defendant Diego Leon Sanchez-Lopez will take place at the time of the initial pre-trial conference.

The Government is in the process of preparing discovery and is in the midst of discussions of a possible disposition of this case with both defendants. The Government therefore respectfully requests that time be excluded, in the interests of justice, from today until February 28, 2008, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161 *et seq.* I have spoken with the attorneys representing both defendants, and they both consent to this exclusion of time.



Respectfully submitted,

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